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SUBJ: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION: CAMP DAVID SUMMIT (AUGUST
10/11 EDITORIALS)

1. SUMMARY: AFTER INITIAL SILENCE ON THE SUBJECT PRO-PLO
AL FAJR JOINS PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST ASHA'B IN ATTACKING THE
CAMP DAVID SUMMIT WHILE MODERATE AL QUDS CONTINUES TO SEE
THE MEETING AS A WAY OUT OF THE PRESENT DEADLOCK.

2. AL FAJR (AUGUST 10) CALLS THE PLANNED MEETING "A NEW LINK
IN THE CHAIN OF AMERICAN CONSPIRACIES" WHERE SADAT CAN BE
THE ONLY LOSER AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS. ANY NEW CONCESSIONS,
THE PAPER ARGUES, "WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PALESTINIANS."
THIS EDITORIAL LINE CONTINUES AUGUST 11 DERIDING THE ARGUMENT
THAT CAMP DAVID IS THE "LAST CHANCE." "THERE IS NOTHING IN
THE POLITICAL DICTIONARY CALLED LAST CHANCE," THE PAPER SUGGESTS,
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ADDING THAT SADAT HAS TWO CHOICES--A SEPARATE SETTLEMENT OR
TEARING UP THE WEST BANK AND GAZA IN "A COMPROMISE TERRITORIAL
SETTLEMENT THAT WILL CONTINUE ISRAELI CONTROL OF ITS SETTLEMENTS."
THE PAPER CONCLUDES "THE PALESTINIANS WILL HAVE TO PAY IN
LAND FOR THIS TERRITORIAL SETTLEMENT...." "WE KNOW SADAT WILL...
PRESS JORDAN AND SOME OTHER PALESTINIAN PARTIES TO AGREE TO
JOIN IN THIS CONSPIRACY SOLUTION."

3. ASHA'B (AUGUST 10) CALLS UPON "PALESTINIANS, THE ARABS AND FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" TO DESTROY "THE ROBE" BEING SEWN BY THE AMERICANS BECAUSE "IT WILL NOT COVER ALL THE LEGITIMATE REQUESTS OF THE PALESTINIANS." THE PAPER SUPPORTS AS "FAIR" THE CALL FOR A SUMMIT OF THE REJECTIONIST FRONT. ASHA'B CONTINUES ITS OFFENSIVE AUGUST 11 CHARGING "IN SPITE OF AMERICAN PRETENSIONS TO BE CLOSE TO EGYPT'S CONCEPTS OF RESOLUTION 242, ITS POSITION IS IN FACT 100 PER CENT THE SAME AS THE ISRAELI POSITION." THE EDITORIAL DRAWS A SCENARIO WHERE THE SEARCH FOR AN AGREEMENT IS "DRAWN ON FOREVER" BY BEGIN'S FIRST TURNING TO THE KNESSET WITH DELAYS BEING CREATED BY THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF ISRAEL FIRST, THEN IN TURN BY THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS. THE PAPER SURMISES "ENOUGH TREACHERY AND UNENDING POSTPONEMENTS...; PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO SMELL THE FAILURE OF THE POISONOUS CAMP DAVID TRICK."

4. AL QUDS IN EXPLAINING (AUGUST 10) "WHY DID SADAT AGREE? BELIEVES THAT EGYPT IS CONVINCED THE US WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF "FULL PARTNER." THE PAPER CONSIDERS THE MEETING AS "A TURNING POINT" WHERE "EITHER COMPLETE FAILURE OR EVEN PARTIAL SUCCESS WILL BE AN EXIT FROM THE DEADLOCK AND PAVE THE WAY FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT." THE PAPER FOLLOWS ON AUGUST 11 BY CALLING UPON ISRAEL GCMAKE "IMPORTANT DECISIONS, DIFFERENT FROM WHAT ITS LEADERS (HAVE CONSIDERED) IMPORTANT." "FACTS SHOW THAT ISREAL CANNOT HAVE LAND AND PEACE; SHE MUST UNCLASSIFIED

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CHOOSE. THE WRITER FINALLY ASKS "WILL ISRAELI LEADERS NOW FACE THE HOUR OF REALITY BEFORE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE IS LOST OR WILL THEY KEEP ON FOLLOWING THE DESTRUCTIVE LOGIC OF POWER?"
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